

## BURPEE IS NOW COLONEL.

## RESULT OF THE SECOND REGIMENT OFFICERS' MEETING.

Burpee for Colonel, Callahan for Lieutenant Colonel, and Captain Sucher becomes Major—The Proceedings, Votes, Etc.

The officers of the Second Regiment met at the armory yesterday afternoon to elect a successor to Colonel John B. Doherty and to fill all vacancies which might occur because of promotions. The meeting was attended by thirty-two officers and was held in the officers' quarters. Lieutenant Colonel Burpee presided.

The name of Burpee for colonel was placed in nomination and the ballot resulted as follows:

Total number of votes 32, of which Burpee had 30 and blank 2. The ballot was made unanimous, the announcement being greeted with rousing cheers. Colonel Burpee made a short address thanking the officers for the honor.

For the position of lieutenant colonel the name of Major Timothy F. Callahan was presented. The following was the result of the ballot:

Total number of votes 31, of which Callahan had 24, Dickinson 4, Sucher 3. The ballot was made formal and unanimous and Major Callahan was thus chosen for lieutenant colonel.

The first battalion held a caucus and voted to present the name of Captain Wesley V. Pearne of Middletown for the position of major. The officers' meeting was then again called to order, and the following ballot was taken for major:

Total number of votes 32, of which Sucher had 16, Pearne 13, blank 3. There being no choice, a second ballot was taken, resulting as follows: Total number of votes 32, of which Sucher had 16, Pearne 13, blank 3. Captain Sucher was then unanimously elected major of the first battalion.

Below will be found a short sketch of the newly elected officers.

## COLONEL BURPEE.

Colonel Lucius F. Burpee was born in Vernon, Conn., forty years ago. He first entered the service of the Connecticut National Guard as a private in Company C of Rockville, First Regiment, April 10, 1874. He was appointed a corporal in that company June 15 of that year and was honorably discharged from the service, because of non-residence, November 22, 1870. Colonel Burpee had removed to Waterbury and March 22, 1888, he was elected second lieutenant of Company A, Second Regiment. June 26 of the same year he was chosen first lieutenant of that organization, and in less than a year, June 13, 1887, was made captain of the company. As a company commander he was very successful. He enlisted good men and drilled them well. While he was in command of Company A the membership was at the maximum and the drill attendance excellent.

When Major T. T. Wells (now adjutant) resigned his commission, January 22, 1890, Captain Burpee was chosen his successor, without much opposition, at the meeting called for that purpose. He was commissioned major February 3, 1890. He was heartily welcomed to the field by his brother officers and at once became as popular with the regiment as he had been with his command. After Lieutenant Colonel Lee had waited some three years for some indication of Colonel Doherty's resignation or promotion, and becoming tired of waiting, he appeared to be a hopeless task, resigned April, 1892. Major Burpee was elected to fill the vacancy and was commissioned May 3, 1892.

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL CALLAHAN.

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy F. Callahan was born in Ireland and is forty-seven years of age. His military career began as a private in H Company, Thirty-fifth Regiment, United States Infantry. He enlisted in the service November 18, 1867. He showed much aptitude and was promoted to corporal June 10, 1868. He was transferred to the Fifteenth United States Infantry soon after and was made a sergeant August 11, 1870. November 5 of that year he was honorably discharged because of expiration of term of service.

His National Guard experience began April 1, 1872, at which time he enlisted in C Company, Second Regiment, C. N. G. (Sarsfield Guard). He was rapidly promoted to the positions of corporal, sergeant and first sergeant. He was discharged November 18, 1878, because of expiration of term of service. He soon re-enlisted, however, and was elected second lieutenant June 12, 1883. In February, 1886, he was chosen first lieutenant, and when ex-Captain Garritty resigned in 1887 he was promoted to fill the vacancy October 20. He continued to hold the commission of captain of C Company until October 14, 1889, when he resigned.

When Colonel Burpee was promoted from the position of major to that of lieutenant colonel Captain Callahan became a candidate for the position made vacant and succeeded in getting the election despite the efforts of some line officers who wanted the place badly. He was commissioned major of the regiment May 5, 1892. When the change in the formation was made by the alteration of the military law and the appointment of a second major Major Callahan became senior major of the regiment.

## MAJOR SUCHER.

Theodore H. Sucher was born in this city thirty-four years ago and enlisted as a private in Company E, Second Regiment, May 7, 1871, and was promoted to be a corporal May 1, 1879, and was discharged May 6, 1882, because of expiration of term of service. He re-enlisted the same day and was chosen second lieutenant of that company March 5, 1883. He was elected first lieutenant a year later, and was appointed captain December 15, 1884. He held that position until June 16, 1891, when he resigned. After being out of the company he was again induced to accept command of the company January 26, 1892.

## Danbury's Hat Trade.

Danbury, July 11.—The agreements were in regard to the making of bills of prices, that they should be made in June and July for the fall trade, and be abided by during that trade, which usually lasts half the year. The meeting that annulled the agreements was a slimly attended one and the action did not voice the sentiments of the "fishers' association as a body.

## MORE APPOINTMENTS.

Harbor Masters Named, Also Commissioners for National Park.

Hartford, July 11.—Governor Coffin yesterday appointed harbor masters as follows:

Roger Kennedy at Middletown, Hezekiah S. Bartlett at New London, Aurelius J. Meeker at Norwalk, Merritt W. Merwin at Milford, Daniel P. Wick at Five Mile River, William H. Allen at Groton. All are reappointments except Mr. Allen, who succeeds George M. Long and Daniel P. Wick, who succeeds John Doran.

Each appointment is for three years, from July 19.

Governor Coffin has approved 363 public acts and 477 special acts and resolutions. This represents the numerical sum total of the six months' session of the general assembly.

The governor has appointed Representative Sanford E. Chaffee of Derby and Joshua A. Fessenden of Stamford to be commissioners for the National Military Park at Chattanooga and Chickamauga.

Captain Chaffee served in Company B, Twentieth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers. Mr. Fessenden is a brother of Speaker Fessenden. The act under which the commissioners are appointed requires that one shall have served in the Fifth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, and the other in the Twentieth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers.

The commissioners are authorized to select a site for a monument to the Fifth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, to be erected on the battlefield of Chattanooga and paid for by the state at an expense not exceeding \$2,000.

## Regarding Willimantic Camp Meeting.

The Willimantic meeting will begin Monday, August 12, and continue until Monday, August 19. There will be services every afternoon from 6 to 7 o'clock under the auspices of the Epworth League in the tabernacle. These services will be held by different clergymen, but under the general direction of Rev. O. W. Scott, president of the Norwich District League. Rev. L. B. Bates, D. D., of Boston, will take charge of the altar work, acting as evangelist, for which he is especially well fitted.

Preceding the regular camp meeting he will serve the interest of the W. C. T. U., the State Sunday School association, the Woman's Foreign and the Woman's Home Mission societies, and possibly a special day for the Epworth League.

The new presiding elder, Rev. George H. Bates of Norwich, will be in general charge of these services. Extended announcements, covering dates from August 8 to August 19, will soon be officially made.

## The Ericsson's Coming Trial.

New London, July 11.—The light house steamer Cactus, Captain Goddard, is getting her buoys and chains on board today preparatory to making the course for the torpedo boat Ericsson's speed trial. The run will be from Horton's Point, thirty miles to the westward, buoys being placed every three miles and turning buoy at the end of the course.

## Stamford Dissatisfied.

Stamford, July 11.—The people of this city are so dissatisfied with the failure to learn the true cause of the recent epidemic that it is probable that a coroner's inquest will be asked to come here and hold an inquest on the body of one of the patients, who died at the hospital about a month ago of typhoid fever. This is now the only way to learn the true cause, as it was necessary to enter a nolle in the case of Henry J. Blackman, by the refusal of Professor Prudens to come here and testify.

## DEATH OF WILLIAM BYRNE.

Was Mate on the Steamer C. H. Northam. William Byrne, mate on the steamer C. H. Northam of the New Haven Steamboat company, died of pneumonia at the hospital at 3:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was a native of Scotland, unmarried, and was thirty-nine years of age, and his only home was on board the Northam. He had no relatives in this country.

## FAIR HAVEN.

The officers-elect of Columbia castle, K. G. E., were installed Tuesday evening by Deputy Grand Chief Sperry. Speeches were made by John MacKrell, Crusaders' castle, Mr. Lambert of Rock castle and R. B. Farren of Columbia castle.

Miss Hattie Converse of Lloyd street is visiting friends in Boston and vicinity.

N. A. Beebe and wife left yesterday for Mansfield's Grove, where they have taken a cottage.

Mrs. Fred Hindsley, formerly of this place, is seriously ill at her home in Bridgeport.

Mrs. William Sheffield and daughter Ruth of Houston street are spending a vacation in Sheffield, Mass.

Mrs. Henry Poronto of Exchange street, who has been under treatment at St. Elizabeth's hospital, New York, has returned home.

Last evening Deputy W. H. Pollard installed the officers-elect of Hiram Camp, Division No. 14, S. of T. A supper was given by the members of Company A, who were defeated in the good of the order contest during the past quarter.

The horse belonging to J. Friedel, the east side deliveryman, which was hired last Tuesday by an unknown man, and which was last seen at North Branford en route for the Connecticut River, has not yet been heard from.

W. N. Combelbeck, who formerly conducted the Boys' club here, is visiting friends in town. Mr. Combelbeck is now at the head of a large club in Waterbury.

By special invitation of Mr. Thompson, who keeps the Lake Saltonstall pavilion, a select party of east-siders, consisting of about thirty couples, visited that place Wednesday evening. Dancing was indulged in until midnight, when the party returned home by special car.

## Is Reported as Doing Well.

Patrick Kane, who fell from a fifth story window at his home, 125 Congress avenue, a few days ago and had five ribs broken, is reported as doing well at the hospital, where he was removed. He will undoubtedly recover.

## ASHMUN STREET PAVEMENT.

Important Meeting of the Board of Compensation Last Night.

The paving of Ashmun street with vitrified brick was again last evening the subject of considerable discussion at the meeting of the board of compensation. A large number of the residents and taxpayers on the street were present, and protested against being compelled to pay for the pavement, alleging that the city appropriated \$5,000 for the laying of an experimental pavement.

Ex-Judge Sheldon represented the taxpayers and presented their claims in a clear and forcible manner and evidently made an excellent impression upon the members of the board. He agreed to submit documentary evidence in support of his claim at the next meeting of the board next week.

H. J. Williams appeared in the interest of Mary J. Williams of Day street, who wants \$200 for damages caused by the raising of the grade of the street two feet. The members of the board voted to visit the place in question, and make a report at the next meeting of the board.

## HENLEY REGATTA HONORS.

Eton Victorious Over New College, Oxford. A Second Start Granted by New on Account of an Accident to Eton.

Henley-on-Thames, July 11.—There was a larger crowd than usual here today to witness the final heats of the Henley regatta.

When the Eton college crew and the crew from St. John's College, Oxford, were sent away in the final heat for the Ladies' Challenge plate, at the third stroke Eton's No. 2 caught a crab, and lay at the bottom of the boat for some moments, unable to rise. The Oxford boat was two lengths ahead when the Oxford coxswain, H. C. Sells, cried: "Ease all." The Oxford then returned to the post amid frantic applause, in which the umpire and others on his launch joined, while the Etons rattled their oars in the rowlocks in approval.

"Bravo, Oxford!" was heard on all sides, and the cry, "No more Cornell," was heard from several boats.

The race was started again and the Eton crew won as they liked by eight lengths.

In the final heat for the Grand Challenge cup, the Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Rowing Club crew, which defeated Cornell yesterday, beat the New College, Oxford, Boat Club crew, and thus captured the chief trophy of the regatta.

The race was a splendid one. Trinity Hall won only by one-third of a length in 7 m., 30s.

The crew of the London Rowing club, consisting of A. S. Little, bow; H. W. Stout, Vivian Nickalls and Guy Nickalls (stroke), won the "Nickalls cup," or silver goblets, in the final heat to-day, defeating the Thames Rowing club crew, W. Broughton and S. D. Muttibury (stroke).

In the fifth heat for the diamond sculls, Rupert Guinness of the Leader boat club beat Guy Nickalls of the London Rowing club.

In the final heat for the Thames challenge cup the crews of the Nerus Boat club of Amsterdam University, Holland, defeated the crew of the Moulsie Rowing club, and won the trophy.

## In Litchfield.

The celebration held July 10 by the Village Improvement society in attaining its majority was eminently successful and profitable. The organization that has been such a sturdy youngster is henceforth an energetic adult.

The celebration took the form of a tea, supper and general festival in the beautifully decorated town hall, which was filled with the townspeople and the "summer boarders." Among those present were General Franklin and family, the Hon. Robert T. Lincoln and family, Railroad Commissioner G. M. Woodruff and family, Chaplain Royce, U. S. N., and Captain George B. Sanford, U. S. A.

The Starr band furnished excellent music. The tea and supper, which were at proper tea and supper hours between 4 and 11, were delicious and daintily served by the fair members of the society.

There was much interest in the memorabilia, giving a vivid picture of the village life the past twenty years. The collection of curios included a file of all the society's posters; A. A. Lord's large map of the west, made in one afternoon to illustrate General Wessells' lecture on "Army Life," which netted the society \$50; photograph group of "Four Workers" by Jesse L. Judd from silhouettes by Mrs. Seymour, that netted \$19.25; photograph of "Our President's Baby" before the crowd held its head up, by Judd from silhouettes, that netted \$6.25; and a reproduction of James Gannings' "Iron pig dog" that hung for sixty days in Smith's Inn, South Farms, and warmed the toddy of the New York legislators on their trips to Albany—the only public route in those days being through Litchfield. Great credit is due to J. Deming Perkins, President Almon E. Fuller, Secretary Clara Kenney and the executive committee, George M. Woodruff, William T. Marsh, J. Deming Perkins, Mrs. C. W. Hinsdale, Mrs. H. W. Wessells, Mrs. George M. Woodruff, Mrs. G. B. Sanford, Miss S. M. Thompson and Mrs. F. C. McLean.

The receipts were larger than at any previous entertainment by the society.

## OLD WAGES RESTORED.

Birmingham Iron Foundry Follows Good Example Set by Farrel Company.

Derby, July 11.—The Birmingham Iron foundry has posted a notice announcing that commencing with Monday, July 15, wages in all departments would be restored to the former level in force before the cut in September, 1893. At that time wages were reduced 15 per cent.

About a year ago 5 per cent. was restored and a further restoration was promised as soon as the Farrel Foundry company here restored the cut made in its works. This was done Monday and the Birmingham company has accordingly kept its compact with its employees.

One hundred and twenty-five men on the payroll are thus made glad.

## Trumbull Manslaughter Case.

Bridgeport, July 11.—An inquest concerning the death of William Butler, the hired man who was killed last night by Peter Winter, his employer, in the town of Trumbull, was commenced in this city before Coroner Doten this morning. The only witness to testify was Louis Rueck, another hired man, who was present when the fatal blow was struck. He says that Winter began the quarrel on the latter with an iron bar, which he secured in the cellar, he hid the bar in the attic and told Rueck to say the blow was struck with an oak stock. Rueck said there would have been trouble had not Winter taken the initiative.

A few days ago the body was examined by order of Coroner Mix and Medical Examiner White made a careful examination, and an autopsy was held, the result of which was shown beyond question that the man died from strangulation.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Rueck's accomplices and it is expected that they will soon be apprehended.

## FIVE COTTAGES BURNED.

Destructive Fire at Bell Island—About \$20,000 Loss—A Big Barn Burned in Waterbury.

South Norwalk, July 11.—Fire destroyed five cottages on Bell Island last night. The island is a cottage city of summer homes of wealthy New York and Fairfield county people. The cottages destroyed face the sound, forming a portion of a row along the ridge, the best site on the island. The fire started in the cottage of Mr. Cleveland of Woodville and quickly spread, totally destroying or seriously damaging houses owned or occupied by Daniel Burtis of New Canaan, John Todd of Bethel, Rev. Mr. James of New York, who is in charge of the Five Points house of industry home on the island, Mr. Ambler of Bethel, Mr. Ayres and Mr. Weeks, and Rev. Mr. Wood of New York city.

When the fire started the Norwalk fire steamer was telephoned for, but did not come, as Chief Proffitt feared that the little bridge connecting the island with the mainland would not bear its weight. The efforts of the island residents to check the fire were successful in trying to save the handsome houses extending from James' cottage to a point among which are those of Reed Haviland of South Norwalk and John Fay of Danbury.

The most of the furnishings of the damaged cottages were saved. The loss reaches \$20,000, partly insured. How the fire originated has not been ascertained.

## A WATERBURY FIRE.

Waterbury, July 11.—Another incendiary fire totally destroyed the great barn in the rear of the residence of Samuel A. Chapman, president of the Hammond Buckle company, at 2 o'clock this morning.

There was no use in trying to save the two valuable horses confined in the building, for they were suffocated before help could reach them. There were also two cows in the barn, one of which escaped through the flames. The animal by its own strength broke through a basement door and escaped to the street.

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A Large Number of New Books—The Latest Additions.

Following are the latest additions to the Free Library:

American Academy of Political and Social Science, annals, v. 1-5, 303A; Appleton's Guide Book of America and Summer Resorts, 1895, a517A, 1895. Austin, G. L., Life and Times of Wendell Phillips, aB54B. Bengis, J. K., The Idiot, aB174C. Barnard, C., Talks About Our Useful Plants, a30B5. Barnard, C., Talks About the Weather, a30B6. Bartlett, G. B., Water Tramps, H25.1. Boldwood, R., ps., The Sphinx of Eschschaw, B63.7. Bolton, R., Motive Powers, a21B6. Boothby, G., A Lost Endeavour, B64.2. Bradley, A. G., Wolfe (English Men of Action), aB-NB3A. Brockdon, W., Passes of the Alps, 2 v., a15x3B1. Carroll, H. K., Report on the Statistics of Churches in the United States, 1880, a17xK3. Case, W. S., Forward House, a novel, C36.1. Cohn, The Science of Finance, a33C5. Comstock, J. H. and A. B., A Manual of the Study of Insects, a507C7. Conference of Churches and Correction, proceedings, 1874-1894, a36C. Cooke, A. H., and others, Molluscs; Brachiopods, a509C, v. 3. Courthope, W. J., History of English Poetry, vol. 1, aB109C. Cousins, W. E., Madagascar of Today, a3189C. Croker, B. M., Village Tales and Jungle Tragedies, C82.3. Denney, J., Studies in Theology, a23D. Ditchfield, F. H., Books Fatal to Their Authors, a10D. Drake, S. A., The Watch Fires of 76, a73D8. Du Bois, A. J., Elementary Principles of Mechanics, vol. 1-2, a51D. Dwight, T. F., ed., Some of the Federal and Confederate Commanders, 225D9. Erdmann, C. F., D., The Books of Samuel, 224L. Farrar, F. D., The Book of Daniel, 224F. Field, H. M., Our Western Archipelago, a2178F.

Froisart, Sir J., Chronicles, ed. by C. G. Macaulay, a340B2. Gilman, A., First Steps in English Literature, A 820G5. Green, A. K., Doctor Izard, G82.14. Grimm, H., Life of Raphael, ABR18D. Hadow, W. H., Studies in Modern Music, second series, A784. H2vol2. Hall, G., Foam of the Sea and Other Tales, H142.2. Henderson, W. J., Elements of Navigation, A57H. Holmes and Haun, of our Elder, Poets, a231xH. Howells, W. D., My Literary Passions, a341H7. Howells, W. D., Life and Character of R. B. Hayes, ABH 25A. Jack, A. A., Thackeray, a study, ABT22F. James, H., Terminations, J22.22. Kerner von Marilaun, A., Natural History of Plants, v. 1, pts. 1-2, A580K. Kirkpatrick, A. F., The Book of Psalms, v. 1-2, psalms 1-39 (Cambridge Bible) 226C. Kovalevsky, Sonya, Recollections of Childhood, A3K45. Lincoln, Abraham, Tributes from His Associates, ABL6L. Linton, W. J., History of Wood Engraving in America, A761xL. Lubbock, Sir J., Chapters in Popular Natural History, a504L. Lunn, H. S., ed., How to Visit Italy, A945L. MacLaren, A., Physical Education, New ed., a613M3. Mann, M., Life of Horace Mann, by his wife, ABM3A. Mason, C. A., A Minister of the World, M36.2. Masson, P., Napoleon at Home, A94405. Michels, A., Ancient Marbles in Great Britain Described, A732x3. Miller, E., and Whiting, M. C., Wild Flowers of the Northeastern States, A580xM8. Moore, J. W., The American Congress, A427M7. Owen, J., Skeptics of the French Renaissance, A1940. Paulsen, F., The German Universities, A3784W. Phillimore, L., Sir Christopher Wren, ABW925A. Phillips, C., Sir Joshua Reynolds, ABR35C. Pollock, Sir F., and Matland, F. W., English Law Before Edward I, 2 v., a340P. Pratt, S. C., Field Artillery, A356P. Price, R. C., In the Lion's Mouth, P36.1. Quarterly Illustrator, vol. 1, nos. 2, 4, and 7, A705Q. Remusat, P. de, Thiers, AB T345A. Rhodes, J. F., History of the United States from 1850, vol. 1-3, 973A5. Riding, W. H., In the Land of Lorna Doone, A942R1. Rose, J. H., The Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, A940R2. Rowbotham, J. F., The Troubadours and Courts of Love, A780R1. Rubenstein, A., Music and its Masters, A780R3. Ruskin, J., The Harbours of England, A942R8. Scudder, H. E., Childhood in Literature and Art, A809S3. Segur, P., comte de, An Aide-de-Camp of Napoleon, A940S87. Smith, G., The Moral Crusader: William Lloyd Garrison, AB G192C. Tarbell, L. M., A Short Life of Napoleon Bonaparte, A940S15. Ward, E. A., The Story of Bessie Cottrell, W 21.5. Wheeler, S., The Amherst Abdur Rahman, ABA31A. Wherry, E. M., comp., Missions at Home and Abroad, A286W. Williams, J. L., Princeton Stories, W671.1. Wines, F. H., Punishment and Reformation, A35W3. Withers, A. S., Chronicles of Border Warfare, A9704. Wood, J. G., The Romance of Animal Life, A504W. Wright, L. C., A. A. Bible, Science and Faith, A215Z1.

## ROM CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Thomas Lovelle Undoubtedly Killed by Strangulation, July 20.

An officer came to this city from Birmingham yesterday morning with a warrant for the arrest of Frank Rom, an Italian resident of Birmingham, he being wanted there on a charge of murder. Rom had been in confinement in the lockup at police headquarters here since last Saturday, and had been under arrest since July 2.

He is charged with being an accomplice in the murder of Thomas Lovelle of Birmingham, who, it has now been ascertained, was strangled to death on the night of June 30, and his body thrown into the Housatonic river.

His story is substantially this: Saturday evening, June 20, the murdered man sauntered along the row of vile tenement houses in Birmingham, known as "Bottle Row." Lovelle had been drinking and was in a quarrelsome mood. In front of those houses he met three Italians, one of whom was Rom. All three men worked in the cotton mill with Lovelle. He had been in the party but a few minutes when a row ensued. One of the Italians dealt Lovelle a heavy blow on the head with a metal knuckle, which felled him to the ground. The three Italians then fell upon him and strangled him to death.

The three men then took the body to a creek nearby and placed it in the water, but it appears that there was not sufficient water to cover it so they proceeded to the Housatonic river and, taking a boat, rowed up to Shelton, where the body was thrown overboard and found as stated in the foregoing.

It is stated that on Monday the two Italians who participated in the affair with Rom applied to the mill for their pay and were told by the officials of the company to call the next day. Since then nothing has been seen of them. On Monday, the day following the murder, it was learned that Lovelle's sister met one of these men and inquired of him whether he had seen her brother. It is stated that he answered, "Your brother is dead; you needn't look for him any more."

It has been learned also that when the body was found the dead man had in his clenched hand a handkerchief which did not belong to him, but to one of his murderers.

A few days ago the body was examined by order of Coroner Mix and Medical Examiner White made a careful examination, and an autopsy was held, the result of which was shown beyond question that the man died from strangulation.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Rom's accomplices and it is expected that they will soon be apprehended.

## A NEW WONDERLAND.

Mr. Poll Renovating His Handsome Theater for Next Season.

Poll's Wonderland Theater is about as busy a place as New Haven has just now. It is being put through an extensive process of renovation and improvement for the coming season, and many busy heads and hands are engaged in the work.

By invitation of Mr. Poll a reporter of this paper yesterday inspected the work as far as it has proceeded. In the lobby he found half a dozen painters working like bees to transform the before beautiful vestibule into a still handsomer place. They were working under the direction of Mr. Charles Guinan of the Guinan Decorating company of this city, as were the other painters who were found touching up the frescoing and other ornamental work of the auditorium. When the painting is finished new draperies and furnishings will be supplied for the boxes, new orchestra chairs will be placed, new carpets laid and new framed paintings hung upon the rear walls. Improvements are also being made in the gallery which will add to the comfort of those who like to see the performances from there.

On the stage the most extensive improvements are being made. All the scenery in use last season and all the furnishings have been taken out to be replaced by new. Professor De La Harpe of Brooklyn, one of the most noted scenic artists in America, is in charge of this part of the work, and he has brought four artists with him. They are making several new and complete sets of scenery, borders, flies, wings, forests and all, all of them being modeled after those at Tony Pastor's, Koster & Bial's, and Proctor's new theater in New York, and Keith's Boston house. Mr. Poll has patented a new contrivance by which the flies and runways can be removed entirely from the stage next season, allowing the putting on of aerial acts that require great height and width of stage. Mr. Poll has not put the best of such acts into the Wonderland for the reason that he is averse to having acts executed over the heads of the audience.

All the improvements are being made under the direct and close personal supervision of Mr. Poll himself, and the general manager is hurrying things in order to be able to reopen towards the end of August. He is busy also booking attractions for next season, and already he has on his books some of the leading novelties that are to be imported from Europe for next season. He is nearly ready also to begin building operations on his new property, so that altogether he is a very busy man these days.

## MILFORD.

Funeral of Ephraim S. Brown.

Milford, July 11.—The funeral services of the late Ephraim S. Brown was held at the house at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. W. H. Kidd officiating. Anasatawa lodge, F. and A. M., conducted the services at the grave. The deceased was a highly esteemed resident, whose death is sincerely mourned by his townsmen and was born in Norfolk, Conn., February 27, 1812, and lived at that place till his twentieth birthday, when he moved to Kent, Conn., and started a cooperage business. Here he married Phoebe Green, and four children were born while in Kent. He remained here ten years, then removed to New Milford and started a milling and cooperage business. While here their youngest son, John, was born. The Brown family remained in New Milford for a number of years, and in 1855 he took a market route running from New Milford to New Haven, but did not keep it long, and the next year moved to Bridgeport, where with a man named Stevens he established a restaurant and bearing the latter's name, Mr. Brown in conjunction with the eating house established a market route from Bridgeport to New Milford. In 1861 he withdrew his interest from the restaurant and again started in the cooperage business. In 1863 he moved to Milford and with Captain Alfred Mallett established a profitable cooperage concern. All through his life Captain Mallett was his dearest friend. Mr. Brown joined Anasatawa lodge of Masons in 1867.

## Funeral of T. J. Spencer.

The funeral of Thomas J. Spencer took place at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at St. John's church, Rev. J. D. Coyle officiating. There were many handsome floral tributes, including a huge cross from St. John's Catholic club.

The bearers were: William Burke, George Doherty, Hugh Grimes, Frederick E. Jackson, William Keating and John McCarthy. The interment was in St. Lawrence cemetery.

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